

SPORTS



Five in the finals

Five Soviet clubs will compete in the finals of the European Handball Cup.

In the Cup Winners Cup, women's Kev Spartak will meet Yugoslavia Radnicki, and Baku Avtomobilist will clash with Emper (GDR) in the finals of the International Handball Federation Cup. The Central Army Club of the USSR and Gomel Marshach of West Germany will meet in the men's Winners Cup and Minsk Central Army Club and Bucharest Dinamo will contest the Cup Holders Cup.

Zaporozhye ZSU will take on Sweden's Karlstrom in the International Handball Federation Cup finals.

Magdeburg of the GDR, who eliminated Rosov Rosseisbach in the semifinals, will play Yugoslav Oudejek.

The first-leg games are due to be played April 23-24, and the return bouts, April 30-May 1.

The Central Army Club and Avtomobilist will play at home, while the three other Soviet clubs will compete in away games.

Kiev Spartak's Larisa Korota merrings a goal against West German Bayer Leverkusen in the European Winners Cup semifinals.

Chess: three semifinalists known

The current chess season is on its final one—only recently we witnessed the beginning of the 26th Jubilee men's national championship, and already three rounds are over. The leader, two-time national titlist Lev Psakhis, from Krasnoyarsk, has 2.5 points and seems confidently headed for another title.

World champion Anatoly Karpov is also doing well—after drawing with Lev Polugayevsky and Georgi Agzamov, he scored a fine win over Artur Yusupov.

EUROPEAN FOOTBALL FIELD DAY

In the European Winners Cup first leg semifinals, Juventus (Italy) defeated all world champions to beat Widzew (Poland) 2-0 with goals from Tardelli and Belotti, while Real Sociedad (Spain) drew with Hamburg (West Germany) 1-1 at home.

In the Cup Holders Cup, Aberdeen (Scotland) kicked Belgium's semiprofessional Wacker (Hei) 5-1, and Anstrith's Aus-

tria won held to a 2-2 draw by visiting Madrid Real.

In the UEFA cup, Portugal's Benfica failed to overcome the strong defense of the visiting Universitatea (Romania), and the game was a goalless draw. In Prague, Bohemians (Czechoslovakia) lost to Anderlecht (Belgium) 1-0.

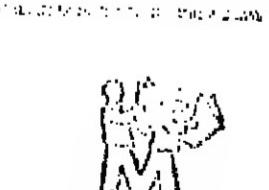
The second-leg games are due within two weeks.

Vladimir McWILLIN



Yarevo Ararat edged the Central Army Club 2-1 and are now among the national championship leaders.

Photo by Vlady Blagodorov



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PEACE RACE IN THE OFFING

The May 6 prologue (individual speed trial) across Warsaw will launch the 30th Peace Race on its way. Altogether 19 nations, including the USSR, will enter this widely popular amateur cycling competition.

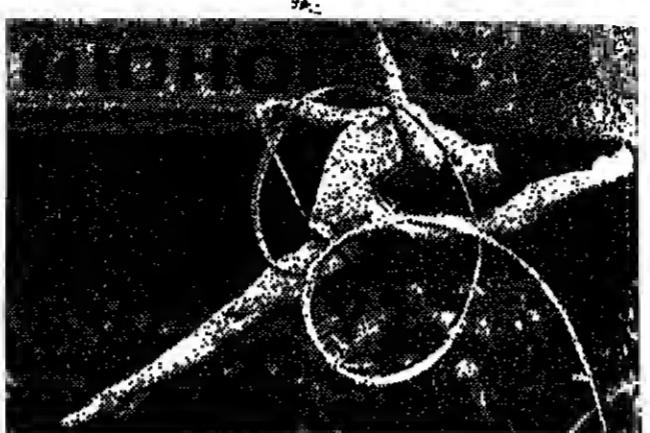
The USSR has always been among the race's hot favorites, having scored five individual and team wins since 1977. Last year, however, the winners were Osi Ludwig of the GDR and his teammates, so the USSR is eager to stage a comeback.

Only recently aspirants to a national squad competed in a national many days long race in the vicinity of the Black Sea resort of Sochi. Budding stars

from Riga placed first, followed by seasoned Aleksandr Kulkov from Leningrad and Olympic champion Yuri Kudinov from Reslov-on-Don. They are now among 12 candidates for the national team, along with noted cyclist Ural race winner Shakhat Zaytsev, Riba Sutin, 1982 world road racer Ivan Minachev and Olympic winner Oleg Logvin.

The national team's head coach, Viktor Kapitonov, has divided the squad into two groups of six cyclists each who will compete in France and Czechoslovakia, following the ultimate selections and made.

Photo by Anatoly Okhmatov



Edita Sulkauskaitė, of the USSR, going through her paces in a recent Moscow rhythmic exercises encounter between the USSR and Czechoslovakia, which the former won.

Photo by Anatoly Okhmatov

DIVING FOR MEDALS

The USSR dominated both men's and women's team diving competition at the European Cup which just ended in Brno, Czechoslovakia, totalling 365 points. The second placed GDR chalked up 350 and Italy and France tied at 314 points each. Altogether 14 countries attended.

The other quarterfinals are still under way.

Viktor SABKIN, chess observer



ICE-HOCKEY SPECTACULAR

In their second encounter against West Germany in Mainz, the USSR ice-hockey squad prevailed 5-2.

Czechoslovakia beat Sweden 11-2 in a home "Rudé právo" game at Olomouc, both bouts played in preparation for the world championship starting off on April 18 in West Germany.

OF INTEREST

It is no exaggeration to say that ice hockey is a national sport in Czechoslovakia and that everything connected with it is extremely popular. One indication of this is the collection amassed over many years by

José Prümus from České Budějovice.

A room in his home is crammed with 254 ice-hockey sticks of different make plus 121 jubilee pucks produced especially for world and European championships.

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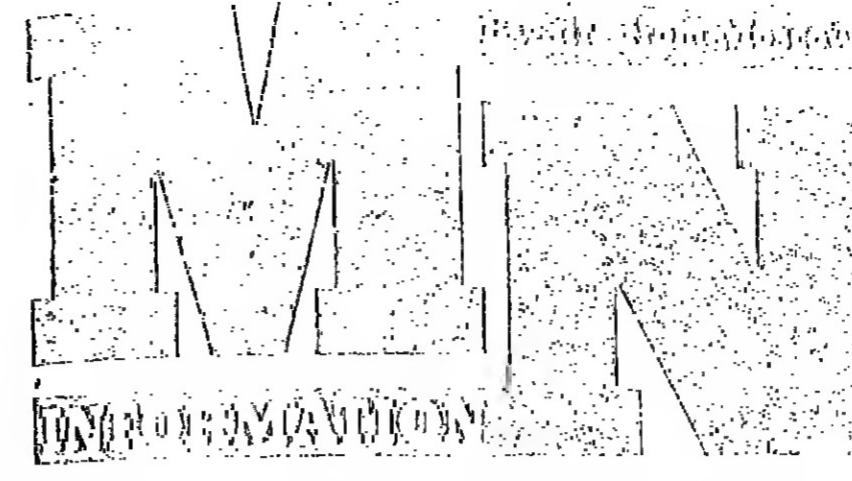
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SOVIET GOVERNMENT SENDS MESSAGE TO UNESCO CONFERENCE

The Soviet government has sent a message to the intergovernmental conference on education in the spirit of peace, sponsored by UNESCO. It says the Soviet Union praises the role played by UNESCO as well as its varied activities in the sphere of education, upbringing, and cultural and scientific exchange between peoples for the purpose of their mutual enrichment and development, as well as for the triumph of the ideals of peace and friendship among peoples, and for the attainment of a healthier political climate on earth. The Soviet government, which invariably observes all the standards of international law and UNESCO's recommendations to this sphere, intends as before to continue to provide all necessary help and support to UNESCO.

The Soviet Constitution, it is noted in the message, bans war propaganda, it is the duty of all educational establishments and of children's and young people's organizations, as well as of workers' collectives and families in general to educate and bring up all young people and the population at large to a spirit of peace and friendship between peoples and to observe all the basic human rights and freedoms. The press, radio and television play an active part in this educational work.

The Soviet government has consistently and steadfastly given support to the international arena to a constructive and immediate solution of the key issue of our times—that of curbing the arms race and of peace. Were this goal to be realized, it would lead to a drastic reduction in the "geographical borders" of the arms race by excluding from its sphere a huge region populated by one-third of all the people on earth.

An absolute majority of the

Committee whose members

come from 46 countries favour

cooperative steps which would bring closer the implementation of

this decision.

Photo by Anatoly Okhmatov

THE WORLD

PLO LEADER: PALESTINIANS SPURN REAGAN PLAN

Kuwait. The Palestinians reject the so-called "Reagan plan" on the Middle East, as it does not take into account our interests and ignores our right to self-determination, said Yesir Afafat, Chairman of the PLO Executive.

Speaking in an interview to the "Al-Watan" newspaper, he said that the PLO was the sole legitimate representative of the Arab people of Palestine. As a result of its courageous fight, it has won recognition and gained

authority and no one else can represent the Palestinians. We are determined to continue the fight for the attainment of our legitimate goals, including the creation of a state of our own, he pointed out. He sharply condemned the crimes committed by the occupied Arab territories by the Zionists whom he compared with the Nazis.

He noted that the PLO supported the Arab plan for a Middle East settlement put forward at the Arab summit in Fez.

EGON BAHR CRITICAL OF WESTERN POSITION

Bonn. Writing in the "Vorwärts" newspaper, Egon Bahr, member of the Social Democratic Party of Germany leadership, points out that, like it or not, Andrei Gromyko is right in many things. This is unfortunate, he continues, for being patriotic to the West we would much prefer to be able to state that the United States is in the right. It is impossible to deny the fact that for nearly three and a half months now the West has failed to reply to Soviet proposals for an agreement between NATO and the Warsaw Treaty concerning the use of force, including both nuclear and conventional weapons.

SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL MEETS IN CONGRESS

Monteclaro. The 16th congress of the Socialist International has ended in Portugal, with most attention having been focused on international security and disarmament. Despite serious differences in their approach to the issue, most of the delegations advocated taking positive measures to prevent nuclear disaster threatening life on earth.

If no agreement is reached at the Geneva talks by the end of the year, stressed E. Bahr, of the Social Democratic Party of Germany, the Socialist International should urge a one-year postponement in the deployment in

Europe of the new American Pershing-2 and cruise missiles.

W. Brandt, chairman of the Social Democratic Party of Germany, was elected Social International chairman, and Pekka Virolainen of the Social Democratic Party of Finland, was elected general secretary.

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What are your wishes, sir?
Drawing by Kostyantin Rybalko

SENATOR KENNEDY ON REAGAN POLICIES

Washington. Immediate measures to remove the threat of nuclear disaster have been demanded by Senator Edward Kennedy. Speaking at the American University, he sharply criticized the White House stance on disarmament.

The President assures us that his labour's containment of the arms race, said the Senator. However, facts show that from

No chemical agents used in Afghanistan, says Red Cross Islamabad. A representative for the International Red Cross in Pakistan has rejected reports originating in Washington concerning the alleged use of chemical weapons against counter-revolutionary militia in Afghanistan. A New Zealand doctor, Ian McPherson, has said that the doctors employed by the Red Cross in areas of Pakistani bordering on Afghanistan found no evidence of the use of toxic agents against anti-Afghan groupings, as is claimed by American propagandists.

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VIEWPOINT

Alexander SARMATOV

CIA'S LINKS WITH TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS

Transnational corporations are getting all-round and steady backing from America's state and government bodies, primarily the CIA, was the conclusion reached by experts from a group of developing nations during the 7th Conference of Non-Aligned Nations in Delhi.

The close working alliance between representatives of America's big business and the intelligence service originated way back in World War II and was bolstered in the post-war period. In point of fact in many cases their interests converge.

Transnational corporations are making particularly deep inroads into the economies of developing nations which have opted for the capitalist way of development. It is there that the transnationals and the CIA seek to undermine and subdue "economic nationalism" — a

term used by imperialist propaganda to describe the desire of young states to protect their national riches from plunder. In this American transnationals make use of the experience and potential of the CIA when and where needed to stage a coup, topple a government, assassinate or compromise untrained politicians or statesmen, or to blackmail persons they take objection to.

The CIA-led transnationals and their money toppled the leftist Chilean government and brought to power the Pinochet fascist dictatorship — all non-aligned nations well remember this crime.

Foreign capital and transnational corporations do not content themselves with economic expansion and the piling up superprofits — they actively interfere in the internal affairs of countries finding themselves in American fascist clutches, and this is why they today often make use of various "front" organizations, superficially independent but actually advancing American interests.

The alliance between American transnationals and the CIA

Indira Gandhi: outsiders threaten India's unity

Delhi. Speaking in Varanasi, the Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said that certain forces were interested in destabilizing the situation in India.

They seek to disrupt the country's unity and to set apart each other representatives of different religions and castes — people who had fought side by side for India's freedom. The Indian Prime Minister noted that the disturbances in the state of Punjab had nothing in common with the interests of the Sikhs nor were they provoked by the Shiromani Akali Dal party as a whole. The disturbances in Punjab and Assam create a threat to the unity of India, Indira Gandhi said and stressed that the separatist elements were receiving money and weapons from sources other than India.

The vicious campaign of terror unleashed in Guatemala by the pro-American regime of Rios Montt has resulted in the loss of 12,000 lives of civilians there over the past ten months, among them workers, peasants, college students, people working in the arts and representatives from other sectors of society. No amount of repression, however, can check the onward march of history, as armed resistance to the blood-stained regime grows and guerrilla make life increasingly hell for the regime.

In the photos: a Guatemalan patrol; guerrillas hold classes in between combat operations.

Pan-African news agency

Addis Ababa. Organizational and technical operations are nearing completion for the establishment of the Pan-African News Agency (PANA) which will become fully operational within weeks.

PANA, with its headquarters in the Senegalese capital Dakar, has been set up following on OAU decision to provide the mass media in various countries with fast, objective and comprehensive reports and commentaries of events in Africa.

TWO TRENDS

Geneva. The present recession in the economies of the major capitalist countries of the West has been the most profound and lengthy in the past fifty years. Such is the conclusion reached in a survey drawn up by the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

The survey notes that as distinct from the capitalist world, living standards in the socialist

Science and technology

PROPELLER IN AGAIN

In their search for more economical aircraft engine, designers have again enlisted the services of the propeller. As distinct from its predecessors the improved design has increasingly curved blades — enabling planes to reach speeds of up to 900 kph. According to "L'Europe", the Italian magazine, a fuel saving 30 per cent as compared with the jet engine is achieved.

SCIENTISTS OFF

TO EXPLORE ICEBERGS

Egypt, Sudan, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Burundi and four other African nations have discussed the use of the energy resources of the Nile in the Kenyan town of Mombasa.

ARTIST PROPOSES PEACE MUSEUM

Rome. Late at night a motor boat slowly glided up the Thames carrying four people. In the centre was Roberto Calvi, manager of Italy's biggest private banking concern, the Banco Ambrosiano, who had fled from Rome after his company had gone bankrupt. As the outlines of Blackfriars bridge began to loom in the darkness one of the men behind the banker produced a noose from his pocket, glibly cantered his victim and sharply tightened it round his throat, while his accomplice held Calvi down. After a minute ell was gone. As the boat passed under the bridge Calvi's lifeless body was hoisted to a bridge support. His pockets, having been ransacked with heavy stones. Soon the rumbling of the motor boat's engine faded away.

Such was the picture of Calvi's last hours re-created by an Italian Inquiry into the operations of the secret Masonic P2 lodge bent on fomenting a rightist coup in the Apennines. On that night another macabre page was written into its history.

British investigators originally alleged that Calvi had committed suicide, but the hard facts of the case decided them to launch another inquiry in which Italian investigators will take part.

According to the artist, the museum should display pictures, sculpture and other works dedicated to the world-wide struggle for peace and disarmament, and against the threat of nuclear disaster. My proposal is designed to promote stronger feeling of unity and brotherhood among the peoples on our planet, says the artist.

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This is the second attempt in a short time to smuggle ivory out of Kenya. At the beginning of March 1982, 102 tusks were seized at a shoot-out with smugglers in the north-east of the country.

In the photo: the haul of elephant tusks at Nairobi airport.

Photo: UPI-TASS

FROM the SOVIET PRESS

'INTERIM SOLUTION' OR 'INTERIM FALSEHOOD'

Stressing in *PRAVDA* that President Reagan's "interim solution" leaves out of the picture the British and French nuclear medium-range weapons, including 162 missiles, second, it takes no account of many hundreds of American planes carrying nuclear weapons and deployed in Western Europe and aboard aircraft carriers; third, it also calls for the dismantling of the Soviet medium-range missiles sited in the Asian part of the USSR, which leaves nothing to do with the balance of forces in Europe.

To sum up, Grigoryev continues, whereas even now NATO has a 1.5 times superiority over the USSR in Europe in medium-range nuclear charges, this figure would rise to nearly 2.5 were the "solution" to be implemented.

WASHINGTON IN A QUANDARY

In expediting Washington's efforts to justify preparations for nuclear war by "yearning for peace", Vitaly Kobishch writes as follows:

The picture is more or less clear: on the one hand, the United States is bent on confrontation, dictatorial and supremo world domination — requires overwhelming military superiority; hence its monstrous militaristic programme and mind-boggling military spending; on the other hand, Washington has in touch with a strong anti-war movement which has engulfed Western Europe, Japan, Canada, and other countries, among them the United States itself; furthermore, it also has in touch with the concrete constructive proposals made by the Soviet Union and the other Warsaw Treaty countries, which point the way towards eliminating the nuclear threat, cutting back armaments and pronouncing disarmament. No more dragging of feet is possible in replying to these proposals, all the more so that with the presidential elections in America already in sight, there is rising discontent throughout the nation, among the powers that be included, with the impotence and incompetence of Washington leaders.

SOVIET LAWYER ON ANTONOV'S CASE

Writing in *IZVESTIA* on the legal aspects of the so-called Antonov case, who was charged with complicity in the attempted murder of Pope John Paul II, the Director of the Institute of State and Law of the USSR Academy of Sciences, Vladimir Evtushenko, points out that Antonov was arrested on the strength of an allegation made by the Turkish authorities of Agia, who carried out the attack on the life of the Pope and who earlier had been sentenced by a Turkish court to capital punishment for a political assassination. Agia made his allegation not during the preliminary investigation or at the trial but when he was already in prison after having been sentenced to life imprisonment. There is no other "evidence" against Antonov.

Significantly, Article 348 of the Italian criminal code stipulates that no one charged with committing one and the same crime, including committed abductions, cannot testify when testimony is to forthcoming from such persons if would be deemed invalid.

To this I would add, the author goes on, that Article 29 of the Italian constitution proclaims the presumption of innocence, which means that a person is presumed innocent until proved otherwise, and to call him a criminal is clearly undesirable. As a lawyer I see here a breach of the constitution as well as of Article 14 of the International Pact on Civil and Political Rights, which also proclaims the presumption of innocence, from which it follows that Antonov should be immediately released.

RACISTS' NOVELTY — 'ETHNIC WEAPON'

Commenting on the increasing number of cases in which South African regime has used nerve gases against the national liberation movements in Southern Africa, TASS's political observer S. Kalik writes:

It is significant that the symptoms of poisoning from which hundreds of Africans have died, and those from which Arab schoolchildren are dying in towns and cities of the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan are suspiciously similar. It will be recalled that all accessory components for the manufacture of barbituric weapons of mass murder are produced in South Africa under license issued in the United States and in other Western NATO countries, with Western and Israeli specialists looking after.

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HOME NEWS

Round the Soviet Union

FUEL TORCHES HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED AT CHEMICAL WORKS PROCESSING NATURAL GAS. Azerbaijan specialists in the Transcaucasian new-use mineral re-refining to eliminate completely waste products from gas processing. They have combined the gas purification and drying operations, and also extract sulphur from zirconia. The first such unit using the mineral is being built in Turkmenia.

AT A RECENT MOSCOW NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE IN VOLVO SOVIET BIOLOGISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, DOCTORS, ANTHROPOLOGISTS, ETHNOGRAPHERS, TEACHERS, AND PHILOSOPHERS discussed the launching of a joint programme for comprehensive human studies.

NO DANGER OF DISAPPEARANCE NOW FACES RARE CURATIVE HERBS WHICH ARE COMMERCIALLY PROCURED EVERY YEAR IN SOUTHERN KIRGHIZIA, IN CENTRAL ASIA. An agrarian zone for both commercial production has been set aside in the Tien Shan fast-hills where their planting has already begun.

FAR EASTERN SCIENTISTS HAVE COME UP WITH A METALLOGENIC MAP OF THE EASTERN SECTION OF THE BAIKAL-AMUR RAILWAY. This "geological encyclopaedia" of the region offers an analysis of the already known deposits and will help prospect for new ones. It has already forecast the existence of deposits of coal, iron ore, tin, rare metals, bauxites, and construction materials.

THE EIGHTH UNIT OF THE CHEBOKSARY POWER STATION HAS COME INTO SERVICE. This hydroelectric power station, the second stage of the Volga power chain, is now under construction. Another three units are to become operational by the end of the year, and by the end of the five-year plan period the station is to reach capacity at 1,400,000 kW.

FROM the SOVIET PRESS

OLYMPIC VILLAGE TODAY

Nearly three years have passed since the Moscow Olympics, and the Olympic Village which was vacant for a while now is home to lots of Muscovites, writes Village sports complex director Ye. Shestalova in KOMMUNOVOISKAYA PRAVDA. They enjoy all the services which operated back in 1980, and the same is true of the sporting facilities — the only difference is that they are now used not by outstanding athletes, but by ordinary citizens. Last year alone the facilities catered to over 400,000 people.

Instead of the 19 competitions officially listed in the Village's sports calendar last year, over a hundred were actually held, among them international meets and contests between Moscow enterprises. Most important, she continued, is the fact that our facilities are open to any and all.

TREATMENT VS PREVENTION

Can all people stay healthy? Everyone can be healthy, provided they lead a healthy way of life. The things essential for a proper lifestyle combining work, physical exercise, and considerable attention is a lecture described in the paper VECHERNYAYA MOSKVA by Nikolai Ovchinnikov, Director of the Institute of Preventive Cardiology at the All-Union Cardiological Research Centre, the USSR Academy of Medical Sciences. These principles of behaviour ought to be inculcated from early childhood. When school pupils were examined in a number of places in this city and abroad, high arterial blood pressure was detected in 6.8 per cent. Their problems cannot be solved if the person regards himself or herself as a subject for medicine.

YOUNG ARTISTS IN PODOLSK

The children whom you see in the photographs live in the town of Podolsk, south of Moscow. They share one hobby — drawing. Therefore, after their classes at school, they come to a children's art school where they learn the elements of drawing, painting, composition and history at the arts. The best pictures made by children and their teachers are exhibited in the school's special hall.

There are 200 young students at the Podolsk school. Many of the graduates have gone to become artists and architects. However, the founders do not set them the task of making all their pupils professionals. They think that the most important thing is to help them cultivate an appreciation of the arts and to awaken the need for creative activities.

In this country, there are



MIXTURE TO REPLACE GASOLINE

Cars with an unusual sign painted on their sides — the letter M in a yellow square — have appeared in the streets of Voroshilovgrad — which means that their engines use a gasoline

additive. The product runs the engines even at -47°C.

At present, the new fuel is being tested in various climatic conditions. The initial results show that its use has not deteriorated from cars' service characteristics, while the toxicity of the exhaust fumes has been cut by a third and up to 20 percent of the gasoline was saved.

plus methanol mixture instead of pure gasoline.

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CLUE TO SOLAR SYSTEM MYSTERY

Early in 1985, our planet will be approached by Halley's Comet which appears in the vicinity of the Earth every 76 years. This is one of the brightest and largest of the comets following elliptical paths around the Sun.

Soviet scientists are preparing to explore the comet. The paper TRUD writes that under the programme for the exploration of the Halley's comet, two Soviet uncrewed interplanetary stations are to be launched in 1984. This will start off the Vega, on International space programme. The probes will carry instruments made in the USSR, as well as in the socialist countries, France, Austria and the FRG.

What do the scientists expect from their exploration of the comet?

As the comet is presumably close to the "primordial" matter of the circumstellar nebula which served as the "construction material for the formation of all the bodies in the Solar System," the scientists will most probably obtain highly valuable information about the initial stages in the development of the protoplanetary cloud. It is unlikely that the comet's nuclei which have a small mass and which travel at considerable distances away from the Sun have changed their physical and chemical properties much over the 4.6 thousand million years since the Solar System first appeared.

Therefore, the comet's nuclei "dissected" by the probes may well enable scientists to confirm and confirm more accurate information on the "grandfather theory" of the Solar System, cause this being put forward by the writer of the outstanding Soviet scientist Academician O. Yu. Shmidt.

FOR THIS COUNTRY'S GAS PIPELINES

The assembly line for the production of multilayer pipes has been commissioned at the Vyksa steel mill in the Gorky Region of the Russian Federation. The second stage of this sophisticated plant will be put into operation soon, raising the mill's capacity to 500,000 tonnes of large-diameter pipes.

This plant, the Volga area's oldest steel centre, plays an important role in the solution of this country's fuel and energy problems. The new Vyksa pipes, unlike conventional types, are not rolled from a whole sheet, but assembled and welded as a mill from rings, each of which consists of several layers of sheet steel.

The new technology is complicated, but the advantages are obvious. The pipes consume cheap low-alloyed steel and the most importantly, the design will allow to transport gas at a pressure of 100 to 120 atmospheres, instead of the 65 to 70 currently used. The Vyksa pipelines will have a higher throughput, which is vital at a time when fuel deposits are being developed ever further from consumption centres.

THE FERTILITY STONE

Commercial development of Pegass zeolite deposit in the Kuznetsk basin, Western Siberia, has been started. Geologists estimate the deposit at 100 million tonnes.

Zeolite's properties are well known — it purifies water and air. Any industrial or agricultural site is now suitable for using it as a kind of molecule filter, capable of cleansing and separating water solutions and catching the harmful substances discharged into the atmosphere. The main thing, however, is that zeolite raises the efficiency of fertilizers. They store nitrogen, giving it to the plants as they need it.

The Pegass beds lie 600 deeper than 500 metres down, so they are mined by the cheapest strip-mining method.

The volume of the first stage of the Pegass pit is comparatively low — just 10,000 tonnes annually. The deposit's total volume, however, will allow production to be driven up to several million tonnes.

The book is made up of stories told by his adult relatives, which he remembers, of family traditions and letters. To recreate the image of his illustrious great-grandfather, Longuet confesses he had to compare a vast amount of documents and to study Marx's massive correspondence.

Longuet painstakingly traces the life of Marx, describing his stays in Berlin, Paris and London, depicting him as a man who never observed that he too has only human.

While building tunnels for the underground, Khar'kov metro construction workers came across evidence denoting that the site was once inhabited by the cave lion, contradicting the earlier belief that the prehistoric beast of prey did not migrate this far to the north.

Many lion remains were uncovered during work on the site.

This is not the first time

that the fossil remains of animals have been found in the town. In 1925, for instance, mammoth tusks were discovered during excavations for the foundations of a high-rise building. They are now displayed in the university museum.

ELDER PINE HELPS LAND FARMERS

The ability of the elder pine to store moisture and protect soil from erosion has been used by Azerbaijani scientists to reinforce mountain slopes. They suggested that almonds, pistachios, and olives be interspersed with coniferous trees on the terraces.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Theatre, Cinema and TV Stars



MIKHAEL VOLONTIR

Mikhail Volontir, an actor from Moldavia, first came into the limelight four years ago in a television film called "Gipsy" in which he played the leading role, for four evenings in a row millions of television viewers felted the sorrows, joys and emotions of Moldavia, a gipsy blacksmith, destined for a difficult, lonely life of deprivation and loss. As portrayed by Volontir, the smith was an unusually noble character, modest, wise and infinitely kind. A man who, above all others, deserved the happiness which was not to come his way. Viewers were completely enchanted both by Budulay and by the actor playing the role who was making his first appearance before such a large audience. Yet, even at this time, Volontir had 20 film parts to his credit and had acted on the stage for a quarter of a century.

Born into a forester's family, his first experience of a village setting when it was time for him to go to school, the thought of being an actor never so much as crossed Mikhail's mind. Together with the other village boys he worked the soil and helped bring in the harvest. Later, having finished school and gone to a teacher's training college, he was to become a village teacher. Volontir had to walk 18 kilometers a day, whatever the weather, to reach his school. And this proved too much of a burden even for a man of his strong constitution. Having become seriously ill, Mikhail was forced to give up teaching. He became organizer of the village club and gradually got totally immersed in amateur activities. It was here he was seen by the chief director of the theatre in Slobodskoye, a small Moldavian town, who persuaded him to join his company. And thus began a new life for Volontir.

It took the shy, country lad about six years to feel at home in the town and theatre. But, in that time, Volontir, playing a wide variety of roles—from Shakespeare to Shukshin—became Moldavia's leading actor. He was to return, moreover, to the profession of teaching. Young actors now flocked to him to learn "the Volontir style in acting" which had become synonymous with a well-integrated performance, and with sincere, natural acting in which strength of emotion is concealed by an external sarcasm.

Volontir brought all these qualities to the screen. He is remembered for his Caio in the film "The Sweet Word—Liberty", a man ready to shoulder the world's troubles and who was indefatigable in his efforts for others; and for his portrayal of the enigma in the movies "In the Centre of Attention" and "Countermeasures", a sad character getting on to years, having failed to reach great rank, yet a true soldier. And there are other roles worthy of attention. And yet, as has been said, Volontir made his name with his performances of Budulay in "Gipsy". And this is not just a question of a television audience being so much easier than a cinema audience. Budulay, more than any other part, provided Volontir with the opportunity of giving a fuller and more vivid interpretation to a theme very close to his heart—a theme which he himself describes in the following words: "A man living for others people, realizing himself in service to others, is in protection of humanity—it is his moral quest which is particularly important for me."

Mikhail Volontir has received more than one invitation to join Moscow theatrical companies. However, he continues to remain faithful to himself, to his native land, and to Moldavia.

SCI-FI FILM FESTIVAL

A Soviet movie, "The King of the Wild Game Chase", has won first prize of the International Film Festival of Sci-Fi Films, held recently in Brussels, England, Canada, Italy, France and the United States were among the other countries submitting entries. The following films were also shown by the group at the Rossini Concert Hall in Moscow:

'DEBUT' GOING FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

The results achieved by an experimental youth group at Minsk Studio, better known as the "Debut" Studio, during the five years of its existence were recently discussed at a conference in Moscow.

The idea of the Studio, which originated among students of the All-Union Institute of Cinematography, was realized in 1973, said I. Sudnikov, an official of the USSR Committee for Cinematography. During the two years of its existence 82 directors, 16 scriptwriters, 30 cameramen, 13 artists and an equal number of composers started their careers at the Studio. Experienced cameramen and leading Soviet film actors willingly cooperate with it.

Not all the films produced are a success: to illustrate, out of the total of 82 made to date, 24 were dropped by a jury owing to their artistic weakness.

Many young directors, who made their debut at the Studio, are now leading figures in the cinema world.

SIX ROLES IN ONE PLAY FOR ADA ROGOVSEVA

Ada Rogovseva plays six parts in a new production of "Peer Gynt", at the Kiev Philharmonic Society. Having demonstrated her remarkable gift of transmutation, the leading actress of the Lysya Ukralka Theatre went on to show audiences another facet to her talents: Edvard Grieg's music forms an integral part of this production of Ibsen's play and in singing the famous Solvets' song in "Peer Gynt" Rogovseva proved she has an excellent voice.

PESHNYAY COMING ON FIFTEEN

The Peshnyay pop group of Belarus have been performing for the past fortnight at the Central Concert Hall in Moscow. At one of their concerts the group were presented with the Gold Disc, an award instituted by the USSR Ministry of Culture for composers, poets, symphony, and variety orchestras and pop groups.



During their Moscow tour, Peshnyay played their one-hour composition "I Am Bringing You a Present", based on verse by the Byelorussian classical poet Yanka Kupala.

Also included on their programme were excerpts from a cycle of songs or lyrics by the Scottish poet Robert Burns, "The Jolly Beggars", with which the group are preparing to celebrate their 15th anniversary this September.

Very soon a new double album, called "Peshnyay", is to be released—a live recording of a performance given by the group at the Rossini Concert Hall in Moscow.

Dmitry SHAVYRIN

In the photo the Gold Disc is awarded to the Peshnyay pop group. Photo by Saigal Zhdan.

BOOKS AS A VEHICLE OF FRIENDSHIP

Two thousand foreign bookselling firms and organizations have openly declared their desire to take part in the 4th International Book Fair to be held in Moscow, September 6 through 12, 1983. 20 thousand titles in the social sciences, politics and science as well as in fiction will be exhibited by the USSR. The above information was provided by the organizing committee of the fair.

The firms taking part in the fair will be able to sign contracts with Soviet foreign trade organizations for the budget of Marxian-Leninist, works in scientific communism, books relating to the peace cause, with disarmament and democracy, new important steps in the development of Soviet-Swedish trade and economic ties, a TASS correspondent was told by Nikolai Westersten, Vice-President of Statsföretag International AB, a subsidiary of Stora Enso, the Swedish state concern.

The Kiruna-Truck AB company located in the north of Sweden, will be responsible for carrying out the Soviet order amounting to about 29 million Swedish kronor, the vice-president went on. The contract is particularly important in view of the fact that it will contribute towards better employment for

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BUSINESS

NEW CONTRACT WITH SWEDEN

The signing in the Soviet capital of the contract between Stora Enso International AB and Aeroflot-Aeroport for delivery of heavy dumpers for the mining industry constitutes a new important step in the development of Soviet-Swedish trade and economic ties, a TASS correspondent was told by Nikolai Westersten, Vice-President of Statsföretag International AB, a subsidiary of Stora Enso, the Swedish state concern.

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